



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5918

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVATE DUTY NURSING FOR SEVERELY
DISABLED CHILDREN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than November 1,
2 2013, the Commissioner of Social Services shall survey persons on the
3 waiting list for the waiver program established pursuant to section
4 17b-283 of the general statutes to identify (1) the number of such
5 persons with severe disabilities; (2) the number of such persons living
6 in an institution; (3) the type of each person's disability or medical
7 condition; (4) the person's age; (5) the length of time the person has
8 been on the waiting list; (6) whether the person has private medical
9 insurance; (7) the monthly cost of the person's care; and (8) whether
10 the person may qualify for any other Medicaid waiver program and
11 which such program the person may qualify for. For purposes of this
12 section, (A) "severe disabilities" means one or more disabilities or
13 medical conditions requiring life-supportive medical devices and
14 skilled nursing care, and (B) "institution" means a hospital or nursing
15 home.

16 (b) Not later than January 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Social
17 Services shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
18 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
19 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human

20 services on the waiver program established pursuant to section 17b-
 21 283 of the general statutes. The report shall include, but not be limited
 22 to: (1) The number of waiver program recipients who have severe
 23 disabilities; (2) the type of each recipient's disability or medical
 24 condition; (3) the number of persons on the waiting list for the waiver
 25 program with severe disabilities; (4) the number of persons on the
 26 waiting list who are in institutions; (5) whether waiver program
 27 recipients and persons on the waiting list qualify for any other
 28 Medicaid waiver program and what program they may qualify for;
 29 and (6) a plan to expand the number of persons with severe disabilities
 30 who receive services under the waiver program established pursuant
 31 to section 17b-283 of the general statutes. The plan shall include (A) a
 32 recommendation on the number of new waiver slots needed to serve
 33 those with severe disabilities; (B) an analysis of any eligibility criteria
 34 changes which may be needed to ensure that those in need of services
 35 receive them; (C) recommendations on other Medicaid waiver
 36 programs the state may apply for or utilize for the provision of
 37 services to current recipients and those on the waiting list for the
 38 program established pursuant to section 17b-283 of the general
 39 statutes; and (D) a study of cost-sharing options in use in other states
 40 that may be utilized in Connecticut to help fund the waiver program
 41 established pursuant to section 17b-283 of the general statutes.

42 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of ____ dollars is
 43 appropriated to the Department of Social Services from the General
 44 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, for the purpose of
 45 expanding the Medicaid waiver program established pursuant to
 46 section 17b-283 of the general statutes in a manner consistent with
 47 subsection (b) of section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

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